

Broadcast media ownership constitutes one of the most powerful and influential forms of corporate control. The FCC should do everything to defuse that ownership, NOT encourage its consolidation. I not only oppose any expansion of a single corpooate entity owning an increased number of media outlets in a single market and nationwide, but also encoruage you to roll back some of the expansion already allowed. Rules of the FCC should serve the public rather than a few corporate moguls. I oppose taking a vote that leads to more media consolidation. Furthermore, I oppose any vote being taken on June 2nd, but rather urge the comment period be extended for at least two more months and that each of the commissioners be present at each and every one of the public hearings. The public deserves to be heard with the same vigor as the corporate oligarchy. The proposed rules changes have not received adequate public notification or debate. Personally I would prefer the proposal be removed from the docket and, instead, new rules be formulated that would cut back ownership possibilities. There is too much ownership consolidation, very little analytical reporting, too much emphasis on advertising driven profitability, and too much temptation to become the mouthpiece of a particular political party or interest group. The FCC is to protect the public and CONTROL the corporations that either own or would own media, not the other way around. Sincerely, Olin M. Ivey